III.—CALLING ATTENTION TO FAILURE OF MONSOON IN TINDIVANAM AND GINGEE TALUKS AND REMISSION OF LAND TAX, ETC.

திரு. ஏ. பொன்னப்ப நாயுடு : தலைவர் அவர்களே, கீழ்க்கண்ட அவசரப் பொது முக்கியத்துவம் வாய்ந்த நிகழ்வை மாண்புமிகு நிதி அமைச்சரின் கவனத்திற்குக் கொண்டு வருகிறேன், அதாவது :—

'பருவ மழை பொய்த்ததன் விளைவாக தென் ஆர்க்காடு மாவட்டம் திண்டிவனம், செஞ்சி வட்டங்களில் நிலவரியைத் தள்ளுபடி செய்தல், பஞ்சத் துயர் தணிப்பு நடவடிக்கைகள் எடுத்தல் முதலியன.'

THE HON. THIRU K. A. MATHIALAGAN : Mr. Chairman, Sir, on the basis of the preliminary report of the Collector, the Government have sanctioned a special allotment of Rs. 10 lakhs for undertaking certain immediate relief measures such as deepening of drinking water and irrigation wells, repairs to minor irrigation sources and road works. The Collector has been asked to send a further report regarding drought conditions and relief measures in the affected parts of the district with particular reference to the taluks of Tindivanam, Gingee and certain firkas of Tirukoilur, Cuddalore, Villupuram and Vridhachalam taluks where conditions have been reported to be bad. Further relief to such areas will be considered by the Government after the Collector's special report is received and examined.

IV.—GOVERNMENT MOTION

AMENDMENT TO MADRAS LAND REFORMS (DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS LAND) RULES, 1965.

THE HON. THIRU K. A. MATHIALAGAN : Mr. Vice-Chairman, Sir, I move—

" That the following amendment to the Madras Land Reforms (Disposal of Surplus Land) Rules, 1965, published with Revenue Department Notification S.R.O. No. A-1240 of 1965, dated the 25th November 1965, at pages 1284–1296 of Part V of the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated the 1st December 1965, which it is proposed to make in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 94 of the Madras Land Reforms (Fixation of Ceiling on Land) Act, 1961, (Madras Act 58 of 1961), be approved under the proviso to the said sub-section :—

DRAFT AMENDMENT.

For sub-rule (3) of rule 6 of the said rules, the following sub-rule shall be substituted, namely :—

' (3) The value for the surplus land and for the buildings and trees thereon, if any, shall, at the option of the assignee, be payable in a lumpsum or in equal annual instalments not exceeding twenty, with interest at the rate of five per centum per annum on the outstanding instalments :